

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

In brief, claims 1, 4-31, and 43 have been canceled, without prejudice, previously presented and allowed independent claims 56 and 57 have been retained, and new claims 58-89, which depend from claim 56 or 57, have been added.

1-55. (Canceled)

56. (Previously Presented) A guide device for guiding a hole-forming tool and/or a fastener to a bone plate secured to a bone, comprising:

a coupling portion that attaches to the bone plate;

a guide portion that defines a guide axis for a connective feature of the bone plate when the coupling portion is attached to the bone plate; and

an extension portion that connects the coupling portion to the guide portion, the extension portion extending around the bone, when the bone plate is secured to the bone, such that the guide portion and the coupling portion oppose one another across the bone.

57. (Previously Presented) A system for bone fixation, comprising:

a bone plate structured to be secured to a bone and including a connective feature; and

a guide device including a guide portion and being structured to attach to the bone plate and to extend around the bone from the bone plate such that the guide portion opposes the bone plate across the bone and defines a guide axis for the connective feature of the bone plate.

58. (New) The guide device of claim 56, wherein the bone plate includes an inner surface that faces the bone and an outer surface that opposes the inner surface, and wherein the guide portion is disposed closer to the inner surface than the outer surface.

59. (New) The guide device of claim 56, wherein the connective feature is a threaded opening.

60. (New) The guide device of claim 59, the threaded opening being a plurality of threaded openings included in the bone plate, wherein the guide portion is configured to guide fasteners through the bone and then to each of the threaded openings.

61. (New) The guide device of claim 56, wherein the guide portion includes a frame and a guide element coupled movably to the frame, and wherein the guide element defines the guide axis.

62. (New) The guide device of claim 61, wherein the guide element is movable parallel to the guide axis.

63. (New) The guide device of claim 62, wherein the guide element includes indicia configured to measure a distance along the guide axis, and wherein the distance corresponds to a spacing of the bone plate from the guide element.

64. (New) The guide device of claim 61, wherein the bone plate includes a plurality of predefined positions, and wherein the guide element is movable to define guide axes intersecting each of the predefined positions.

65. (New) The guide device of claim 62, wherein the guide portion includes a detent mechanism configured to restrict movement of the guide element.

66. (New) The guide device of claim 64, wherein the detent mechanism is configured to permit movement of the guide element toward the bone and to restrict movement of the guide element away from the bone.

67. (New) The guide device of claim 64, wherein the detent mechanism is configured to be releasable manually without tools.

68. (New) The guide device of claim 56, wherein the guide portion is configured to be movable into engagement with the bone so that the bone is pushed toward the bone plate.

69. (New) The guide device of claim 56, wherein the guide portion includes a removable cannula defining the guide axis.

70. (New) The guide device of claim 56, wherein the bone is a radius bone, and wherein the bone plate is configured to be connected adjacent a distal volar surface of the radius bone.

71. (New) The guide device of claim 56, wherein the bone plate and the guide device are configured in correspondence for use on a left side or a right side of a body, but not both.

72. (New) The guide device of claim 56, wherein the extension portion extends around the bone only to an opposing side of the bone from the bone plate when the bone plate is secured to bone and the coupling portion is attached to the bone plate.

73. (New) The guide device of claim 56, wherein the extension portion extends about half way around the bone from the bone plate when the bone plate is secured to bone and the coupling portion is attached to the bone plate.

74. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the bone plate includes an inner surface that faces the bone and an outer surface that opposes the inner surface, and wherein the guide portion is disposed closer to the inner surface than the outer surface.

75. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the connective feature is a threaded opening.

76. (New) The system of claim 75, the threaded opening being a plurality of threaded openings included in the bone plate, wherein the guide portion is configured to guide fasteners through the bone and then to each of the threaded openings.

77. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the guide portion includes a frame and a guide element coupled movably to the frame, and wherein the guide element defines the guide axis.

78. (New) The system of claim 77, wherein the guide element is movable parallel to the guide axis.

79. (New) The system of claim 78, wherein the guide element includes indicia configured to measure a distance along the guide axis, and wherein the distance corresponds to a spacing of the bone plate from the guide element.

80. (New) The system of claim 77, wherein the bone plate includes a plurality of predefined positions, and wherein the guide element is movable to define guide axes intersecting each of the predefined positions.

81. (New) The system of claim 77, wherein the guide portion includes a detent mechanism configured to restrict movement of the guide element.

82. (New) The system of claim 81, wherein the detent mechanism is configured to permit movement of the guide element toward the bone and to restrict movement of the guide element away from the bone.

83. (New) The system of claim 81, wherein the detent mechanism is configured to be releasable manually without tools.

84. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the guide portion is configured to be movable into engagement with the bone so that the bone is pushed toward the bone plate.

85. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the guide portion includes a removable cannula defining the guide axis.

86. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the bone is a radius bone, and wherein the bone plate is configured to be connected adjacent a distal volar surface of the radius bone.

87. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the bone plate and the guide device are configured in correspondence for use on a left side or a right side of a body, but not both.

88. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the guide device extends only to an opposing side of the bone from the bone plate when the bone plate is secured to bone and the guide device is attached to the bone plate.

89. (New) The system of claim 57, wherein the guide device extends about half way around the bone from the bone plate when the bone plate is secured to bone and the guide device is attached to the bone plate.